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La brutal invasión del frío en Midwest

Por Erick Diaz Veliz | Fotos por Andres Alejandro Chavez

Otra vez, un agente federal ha matado a un ciudadano estadounidense en Minnesota. En medio de la tormenta ártica más fría en ocho años, desde Minneapolis hasta Michigan, el grito de "ICE fuera de nuestras calles" mantiene el pedido popular en todo el país.

El sábado 24 de enero, en Michigan, la sensación térmica cayó entre -15°F y -31°F. Alrededor de 50 personas marcharon por el centro de Detroit vestidas con ropa térmica, casacas, pantalones gruesos y guantes. La exigencia era la de siempre, y el motivo, una vez más, era preocupante. Horas antes, un ciudadano estadounidense de 37 años, Alex Pretti, había sido asesinado a balazos por varios agentes federales en Minneapolis.

"La gente ve lo que está

Protests in Minneapolis on Saturday morning, January 24th, after Alex Pretti was killed by a federal agent.

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The Brutal Cold Siege in the Midwest

By Erick Diaz Veliz | Photos by Andres Alejandro Chavez

A federal agent has killed an American citizen in Minnesota, again. Amid the coldest temperatures in eight years, from Minneapolis to Michigan, the demand for "ICE off our streets" remains a common refrain across the country.

On Saturday, January 24, in Michigan, the wind chill dropped to between -15 and -31 degrees Fahrenheit. Around 50 people marched through downtown Detroit dressed in thermal clothing, jackets, thick pants, and gloves. The demand was the same as always, and the reason, once again, was troubling. Hours earlier, a 37-year-old American citizen, Alex Pretti, had been shot and killed by several federal agents in Minneapolis.

"People see what's going on in Minneapolis and don't want

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Anunciamos el Día de la Herencia Mexicoamericana - Sábado 2 de febrero

San Antonio, TX — Organizaciones, académicos, artistas y líderes comunitarios mexicoamericanos de todo Estados Unidos anuncian el lanzamiento del Mexican American Heritage Day (Dos Dos), una conmemoración nacional que se celebrará anualmente el 2 de febrero a partir de 2026.

La Mexican American Heritage Day Association se enorgullece de designar el 2 de febrero como el Día de la Herencia Mexicoamericana. El sábado 2 de febrero, a partir de las 11 a. m., hora del este, se planea una celebración inaugural de un día completo para honrar la profundidad, la resiliencia y la vitalidad de la herencia, la cultura, la historia y la música mexicoamericanas, una identidad arraigada en siglos de presencia en este país.

El 2 de febrero tiene un profundo significado para nuestra comunidad. El 2 de febrero de 1848 se firmó el Tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo, que puso fin formalmente a la Guerra entre Estados Unidos y México y redefinió las fronteras de ambas naciones. Con ese tratado, las personas que vivían en los territorios recién anexados —nuestros antepasados— se convirtieron en la primera generación de lo que ahora llamamos mexicoamericanos. El Tratado prometía protección para nuestra tierra, cultura e idioma. Esas promesas no se cumplieron. Sin embargo, a pesar del desplazamiento, la discriminación y generaciones de lucha, resistimos. Nos reconstruimos. Prosperamos.

Hoy, los mexicoamericanos formamos parte integral de la esencia de Estados

Artwork by Sal Garcia, a San Francisco-area Chicano artist. Photo courtesy of the Mexican American Heritage Day Association.

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Announcing Mexican American Heritage Day - Saturday, February 2nd

San Antonio, TX — Mexican American organizations, scholars, artists, and community leaders from across the United States have announced the launch of Mexican American Heritage Day (Dos Dos), a national commemoration to be observed annually on February 2, beginning in 2026.

The Mexican American Heritage Day Association proudly designates February 2nd as Mexican American Heritage Day. On Saturday, February 2, starting at 11am EST, a full day inaugural celebration is planned to honor the depth, resilience, and vibrancy of Mexican American heritage, culture, history, and music—an identity rooted in centuries of presence in this country.

February 2 holds profound meaning for our community. On February 2, 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, formally ending the U.S.–Mexico War and redefining the borders of both nations. With that treaty, the people living in the newly annexed territories—our ancestors—became the first generation of what we now call Mexican Americans. The Treaty promised protections for our land, culture, and language. Those promises were not upheld. Yet despite displacement, discrimination, and generations of struggle, we endured. We rebuilt. We flourished.

Today, Mexican Americans are woven into the fabric of the United States. Our communities stretch across the nation, and in many states, we are the dominant cultural presence—shaping art, labor, education, cuisine, music, and public life.

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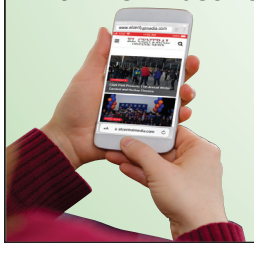

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to see that come to Detroit," Kassandra Rodrigues, a member of Comité de Acción Comunitaria, told El Central. "Trump is targeting all of us if we're fairly honest. He doesn't care who you are or where you're from, as we've seen with how ICE is acting."

The murder of Pretti, a nurse in an intensive care unit at a veterans' hospital, while he was recording the activities of the agents, has heightened the alarm among those who support the immigrant community in various ways.

"We have to make sure our communities are stronger than ever to resist these attacks, and that we shouldn't be afraid," Daanyal Syed, a member of the Detroit Anti-War Committee, commented to El Central. "We should be looking out for our community members and making sure we are prepared for anything that Trump's agenda pushes against us."

Since Saturday, several peaceful rallies, vigils, and marches have been held across the Lower Peninsula. Hundreds rallied on a sidewalk in Grand Rapids, about a hundred marched silently in downtown Lansing, and dozens protested outside Kalamazoo city hall.

In Minneapolis, 3,000 federal agents, 1,000 CBP agents, and 2,000 from ICE, led by Border Patrol official Gregory Bovino, were deployed by Donald Trump to combat his anti-immigrant crusade, which, with Pretti's death, has now claimed its second civilian victim and third shooting. Less than a 10-minute drive from where Pretti was killed, Renee Good, a 37-year-old American citizen, was the first to be killed by the federal agent, Jonathan Ross, a 43-year-old ICE agent.

Vigil in Minneapolis on Saturday night, January 24th, after Alex Pretti was killed by a federal agent.

Photos by Andres Alejandro Chavez

Despite a -25F wind chill, thousands of people had peacefully taken to the streets of Minneapolis on Friday, January 23, to protest against the immigrant crackdown in that city as part of the "strike and fight for immigrant rights," a nationwide strike. However, during the weekend and part of the week, the streets of Minneapolis have erupted day and night with tear gas, pepper spray, flashbangs, and clashes between protesters and officers. Photos and videos of citizens being brutally arrested and being held at gunpoint were going viral daily.

Andres Chavez, a Venezuelan photojournalist with Unraveled Press, had arrived in Minneapolis from Chicago to cover Friday's strike. For him, what happened on Saturday after the shooting escalated in a matter of minutes. "Four officers came running and drew their weapons: rifles and pistols. They drew them; pointed them at the people, pushed them against the wall, and arrested them," Chavez told EL CENTRAL. "The violence was already escalating, and we weren't just talking about tear gas anymore; they were already aiming. I thought they were going to execute two protesters right in front of me."

As it happened with Good, the shooting was recorded by several bystanders from various angles, and the videos went viral within minutes. Once again, Trump and his officials adopted a narrative that contradicts how Pretti was killed, portraying immigration agents as victims of a "gunman" ready to "massacre" them. Pretti was indeed carrying a licensed 9 mm handgun and two magazines at the time of his arrest, but at no point was he seen drawing or brandishing a weapon. However, as one agent disarmed him and five others were over his body, amid shouts of "GUN" and whistles, the young nurse was shot at least 10 times and killed on the ground.

In Michigan, while Republican leaders were mostly silent on the Pretti shooting, Democratic political leaders differed in the way they reacted after Good's death by voicing their outrage in a wide array of criticisms against immigration agencies, ranging from abolishing ICE and withholding funding in order to seek more accountability.

Michigan Republican Party Chairman Jim Runnestad criticized the statement by Mike Duggan, an independent candidate for governor of Michigan, who declared that ICE's work of deporting illegal immigrants has become unacceptable and that Washington must end all violence. "Mike Duggan is attempting to play both sides with his independent bid for governor, when in reality, he's capitulating to Democratic Party leadership," Runnestad stated.

U.S. Senators Elissa Slotkin and Gary Peters stated on an X post that they will vote against the Department of Homeland Security funding bill, which is part of the appropriation package. Both democrats stated that DHS isn't protecting the U.S. people.

This package, opposed mostly by Democrats, includes $64.4 billion in Homeland Security spending for the 2026 fiscal year. It would reduce funding for Customs and Border Protection (CBP) by $1.3 billion while keeping ICE's budget steady at $10 billion. The legislation also seeks to limit immigration enforcement by setting aside $20 million to equip ICE and CBP agents with body cameras and require them to use them. If the bill fails to reach 60 votes in the Senate by Friday, it would trigger a partial government shutdown.

"ICE and those under their command are not acting as responsible law enforcement agencies. They are recklessly inciting violence at the whims of the President," wrote Slotkin. "And they must be reined in before there is more killing".

U.S. Representatives Shri Thanedar, Rashida Tlaib, and Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed called for abolishing ICE. "Anything less than abolishing ICE is a cowardly capitulation to fascism," Stated Tlaib on an X post.

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz had already deployed 1,500 Minnesota National Guard troops to support local police, and despite Trump's threat to declare an act of insurrection in the Democratic state, the Republican president made a series of posts on Monday through Truth Social stating that he and Waltz had reached at least a partial understanding. Walts stated on social media that he had a very productive call with Trump.

Bovino, the public face of the crackdown on immigrants and the one who blamed Pretti for his murder by the agents under his command, has been sent back to El Centro, California. In his place, Trump declared that Tom Homan, the so-called border czar, would be sent to Minnesota, a move that, according to the president, greatly pleased Walz.

For Chavez, the visiting journalist, there is still uncertainty in the air. The truth is that the people of St. Paul and Minneapolis are deeply affected by the violence the federal agents are perpetrating. "I saw four or five blocks filled with federal officers ready to go; there were hundreds of them. The number of officers isn't the only major difference compared to Chicago. It's the violence and the speed with which they applied that violence," concluded the young reporter.

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Local Leaders Unite in Welcoming Miguel Rodriguez as New DHDC Executive Director

By Estefania Arellano-Bermudez | Photos by Alejandro Ugalde Sandoval

On Tuesday, January 20, at Armando's Mexican Restaurant on W. Vernor, local Latino community leaders gathered to welcome Miguel Rodriguez as the new Executive Director of Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC). The reception was well attended by representatives of local non-profits, businesses and community leaders. Ideal Group sponsored the event.

Leaders of the Consortium of Hispanic Agencies pose during the reception welcoming Miguel Rodriguez as the new Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation executive director. From left: Felix M. Valbuena Jr., CEO of CHASS Center; Eva Garza Dewaelsche, president and CEO of SER Metro-Detroit; Marisol "Mari" Quesada, vice president of MANA de Metro Detroit; Mary Carmen Muñoz, executive director of LA SED; and Rodriguez. The event took place Jan. 20, 2026, at Armando's Mexican Restaurant in Southwest Detroit.

"He was selected because (the DHDC) board felt he was the best qualified," said Jane Garcia, chairperson of LA SED's board and one of the event organizers.

Miguel Rodriguez, new executive director of Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, speaks to community members as Jane Garcia looks on.

The reception was also held to push back against some public criticism and to openly demonstrate unity among Hispanic nonprofit organizations in a time when DHDC and, in fact, the broader Hispanic community is facing uncertainty in a variety of areas.

Rodriguez stepped into his new role at DHDC last fall amid financial challenges and public scrutiny. Some critics viewed his appointment as an outsider dismantling a community cornerstone. Another point of contention for some is that Rodriguez is not a Detroit native.

Rodriguez acknowledges the challenges but emphasized community buy-in as central to DHDC's future.

"I look forward to learning more about Southwest Detroit and learning more about what makes it beautiful, learning more about the history and individuals," Rodriguez said.

Supporters at the reception emphasized his track record of community-rooted leadership. Rodriguez brings over two decades of experience in grassroots organizing and youth development, as well as solidarity work with Indigenous communities in Mexico.

"I see a bright future for DHDC, one defined by a deep sense of ownership among the people we serve… they inform our organizational strategy as well as the design and continuous improvement of our programs and services," he added.

Attendees during the reception welcoming Miguel Rodriguez as the new Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation executive director.

More About the Consortium of Hispanic Agencies (CHA)

CHA is a partnership of Detroit Latino-led service organizations formed in the late 1980s as a response to chronic funding barriers and political exclusion. On their own, its individual member agencies struggled to gain support, but together they built leverage.

The five current CHA member nonprofits include CHASS Center, Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED), SER Metro-Detroit, DHDC and MANA de Metro Detroit. The consortium was never designed to operate as a standalone nonprofit. It was designed to be an alliance among leaders to support one another and advocate collectively for the Hispanic community of Detroit.

"Whenever there was an issue, we would be a single voice and we would support our community," said Eva Garza Dewaelsche, President and CEO of SER Metro.

Each organization had its clear lane of expertise. SER focused on workforce development, LA SED was civil rights advocacy and social services, DHDC was youth development, CHASS was health services, and MANA was mentorship and scholarships for young Latinas. With this approach, the member organizations have been able to strengthen their missions while amplifying their collective bargaining power.

Throughout the years, the Consortium's activity saw moments of ebb and flow. In times when the community faced a crisis, the Consortium worked together. At the time of its conception, DHDC had not yet been established. Criteria for membership organizations had to be Hispanic-run nonprofits.

Msgr. Charles Kosanke, pastor and rector of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, leads a prayer during the reception.

Even now, MANA has only become a member after developing mentoring programs.

MANA representatives at the reception, from left, Ines de Jesus, Marisol Quesada, Tanya Caruana, Rocio Contreras, and Belda Garza.

CHA has no staff, no website, and no physical office space. Each member organization is represented by two people – its executive director and the chair of its board.

Despite this, CHA's influence remains a tangible force. Political candidates still seek its support.Foundations recognize its collective credibility. And when one organization is under pressure, whether it be financially, politically, or publicly, the others respond.

Over the years, CHA has issued letters supporting funding applications, non-profit sustainability efforts, immigration advocacy, and judicial appointments. When Judge Patricia Perez Fresard was up for a federal judgeship, the Consortium urged Michigan senators to support her nomination.

"We hadn't had a Hispanic judge in over 30 years," Garcia said.

David Sanchez, left, Rico Razo, center, and Camilo Suero during the reception.

Attendees at the reception event were encouraged not only to support DHDC, but to remain engaged through volunteer work and collaboration.

"We all need to help because we are a village and we all need each other," said Garcia. "Even the ones that you don't agree with.

Miguel Rodriguez, new executive director of Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, sits in a booth at Armando's Mexican Restaurant following the reception.

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EL CENTRAL Launches Weekly News Podcast "El Pulso"

By Michael D. Gutierrez

EL CENTRAL Hispanic News has launched "El Pulso: Weekly News from EL CENTRAL," a 5-minute bilingual audio briefing that highlights key stories from each week's edition of the newspaper.

"El Pulso" offers both English and Spanish readers another way to stay informed about major developments affecting metro Detroit and the broader Latino community. The weekly podcast is designed to complement EL CENTRAL's weekly coverage by guiding listeners through headlines from the paper.

Each episode provides brief context on featured stories and encourages audiences to explore the full article in print or online. The goal is to make EL CENTRAL's reporting more accessible to readers who prefer audio or who want a quick overview of the week's news before diving deeper.

Stories that are featured in "El Pulso" can be found in the current print edition of EL CENTRAL Hispanic News and are available online at elcentralmedia.com.

The podcast is available as "El Pulso: Weekly News from EL CENTRAL" in English, and in Spanish as "El Pulso: Lo Nuevo en EL CENTRAL." Currently, "El Pulso" can be heard on Spotify, with expansion into Apple Podcasts to come next month.

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"El Pulso": el nuevo podcast semanal de EL CENTRAL

Por Michael D. Gutierrez

EL CENTRAL Hispanic News lanzó "El Pulso: Lo Nuevo en EL CENTRAL", un podcast semanal de cinco minutos que resume las historias más importantes de cada edición del periódico. "El Pulso" es un resumen en audio, disponible en inglés y en español, que ofrece otra forma de mantenerse informado sobre lo que está pasando en el área metropolitana de Detroit y en la comunidad latina. El podcast acompaña la cobertura semanal de EL CENTRAL y guía a los oyentes por las páginas del periódico. La idea es hacer el periodismo de EL CENTRAL más accesible para quienes prefieren escuchar las noticias o quieren un resumen rápido antes de profundizar.

Las historias que aparecen en "El Pulso" se pueden encontrar en la edición impresa actual de EL CENTRAL Hispanic News y también están disponibles en línea en elcentralmedia.com.

El podcast está disponible en inglés como "El Pulso: Weekly News from EL CENTRAL", y en español como "El Pulso: Lo Nuevo en EL CENTRAL." Por ahora se puede escuchar en Spotify, y el próximo mes llegará también a Apple Podcasts.

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Wayne County Returns Millions to Those Who Lost Property to Tax Foreclosure

Detroit, MI - Millions of dollars are now making their way back to Wayne County residents who lost property to tax foreclosure following important Michigan court rulings and changes in Michigan law that provide a path for former owners and interest holders to receive compensation from the sale of tax foreclosed properties.

In two major cases — Schafer v. Kent County and Hathon v. State of Michigan — the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that former property owners and interest holders may be entitled to receive money left over after their foreclosed property were sold at auction.

Under changes to Michigan law, these "remaining proceeds" are the funds remaining once unpaid taxes, interest, and administrative costs are covered. The Supreme Court rulings applied the changes in the law to foreclosure sales that took place before December 22, 2020, and opened the door for eligible residents across the state to file claims.

Since then, the Wayne County Treasurer's Office has begun issuing payments to former owners and interest holders—whose claims have been approved by the Wayne County Circuit Court.

As of January 8, 2026, more than $3.8 million has already been returned to eligible claimants in Wayne County.

Because these rulings were new and unfamiliar to many residents, the Treasurer's Office took a proactive approach to making sure people knew they might be eligible to receive remaining proceeds. The office carried out an extensive informational campaign designed to reach former property owners and interest holders who may be qualified to file a claim.

That outreach included targeted social media advertising, direct mail communication, billboards, TV and Radio ads, and multilingual materials aimed at making the process easier to understand. The goal was to remove barriers, spread awareness, and ensure that eligible former property owners and interest holders, many of whom are Wayne County residents, had a real opportunity to apply.

"This is money that belongs to the people," said Wayne County Treasurer Eric R. Sabree. "When someone is legally entitled to proceeds from the sale of tax foreclosed property, we believe it's our responsibility to inform people that those dollars are available and can be returned to them."

"People can't apply for something if they don't know it exists," Sabree said. "We wanted to make sure former property owners had clear information and a fair chance to claim what's rightfully theirs."

While many payments have already been issued, some claims are still working their way through the legal process. Under Michigan law, each claim must go through multiple steps and receive approval from the Circuit Court before payment can be released.

For claimants who have filed motions, the Circuit Court is committed to timely reviewing these claims and making final decisions. As court rulings are finalized, additional payments will be issued.

Even as these payments move forward, the Treasurer's Office stresses that its top priority is preventing foreclosure in the first place. Through payment plans, tax assistance programs, and community partnerships, the office works year-round to help residents stay in their homes.

When foreclosure does occur, the Wayne County Treasurer's Office remains committed to protecting the rights of property owners, including their right to any surplus funds from tax foreclosure sales.

More information about the remaining proceeds claims process—as well as property tax assistance programs to assist owners with avoiding foreclosure in the first place—is available at WayneCountyMI.gov/Treasurer.

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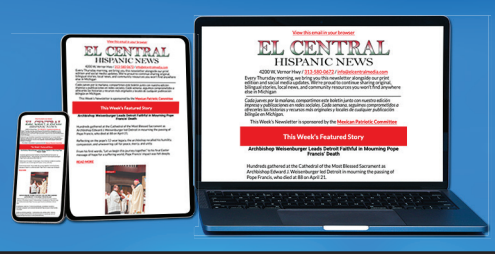

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pasando en Minneapolis y no quiere que eso llegue a Detroit", dijo a El Central Kassandra Rodrigues, integrante del Comité de Acción Comunitaria. "Trump nos está atacando a todos. No le importa quién seas ni de dónde vengas, como hemos visto por la forma en que actúa ICE".

El asesinato de Pretti, un enfermero de una unidad de cuidados intensivos en un hospital de veteranos, ocurrido mientras grababa las actividades de los agentes, ha encendido las alarmas entre quienes apoyan de distintas maneras a la comunidad inmigrante.

"Tenemos que asegurarnos de que nuestras comunidades sean más fuertes que nunca para resistir estos ataques y de que no debemos tener miedo", comentó a El Central Daanyal Syed, miembro del Comité Antiguerra de Detroit. "Debemos cuidarnos entre nosotros y asegurarnos de estar preparados para cualquier cosa que impulse la agenda de Trump en nuestra contra".

Desde el sábado, se han realizado varios mítines pacíficos, vigilias y marchas en toda la Península baja. Cientos protestaron desde una acera en Grand Rapids; alrededor de un centenar marchó en silencio por el centro de Lansing y varias decenas protestaron frente al ayuntamiento de Kalamazoo.

Vigilia en Minneapolis la noche del sábado 24 de enero, después de Alex Pretti fuera asesinado por un agente federal.

En Minneapolis, Trump desplegó 3,000 agentes federales —1,000 de la CBP y 2,000 de ICE—, liderados por el funcionario de la Patrulla Fronteriza Gregory Bovino, para combatir su cruzada anti inmigrante, la cual, con la muerte de Pretti, ya ha dejado 2 civiles muertos en 3 tiroteos. A menos de 10 minutos en auto del lugar donde Pretti fue asesinado, Renee Good, una ciudadana estadounidense de 37 años, fue la primera en morir a manos del agente federal Jonathan Ross, un agente de ICE de 43 años.

A pesar de una sensación térmica de -25°F, miles de personas salieron pacíficamente a las calles de Minneapolis el viernes 23 de enero en contra de la ofensiva migratoria en la ciudad como parte de la huelga nacional "huelga y lucha por los derechos de los inmigrantes". Sin embargo, durante el fin de semana y parte de la semana, las calles de Minneapolis han hervido día y noche con gases lacrimógenos, gas pimienta, granadas aturdidoras y enfrentamientos entre manifestantes y agentes. Fotos y videos de ciudadanos arrestados brutalmente y retenidos a punta de armas se han vuelto virales a diario.

Andrés Chávez, fotoperiodista venezolano de Unraveled Press, había llegado a Minneapolis desde Chicago para cubrir la huelga del viernes. Para él, lo que ocurrió el sábado después del tiroteo escaló en cuestión de minutos. "Cuatro agentes llegaron corriendo y sacaron sus armas: rifles y pistolas. Las sacaron, apuntaron a la gente, los empujaron contra la pared y los arrestaron", dijo Chávez a El Central. "La violencia ya estaba escalando y ya no hablábamos solo de gas lacrimógeno; ya estaban apuntando. Pensé que iban a ejecutar a dos manifestantes justo frente a mí".

Al igual que ocurrió con Good, el tiroteo fue grabado por testigos desde distintos ángulos; videos que se viralizaron en minutos. Una vez más, Trump y sus funcionarios adoptaron una narrativa que contradice el asesinato de Pretti, presentando a los agentes migratorios como víctimas de un "pistolero" dispuesto a "masacrarlos". Pretti efectivamente portaba una 9mm con licencia y dos cargadores al momento de su detención, pero en ningún momento se le vio sacando o blandiendo arma alguna. Sin embargo, mientras un agente lo desarmaba y otros cinco estaban sobre su cuerpo, entre gritos de "¡Gun!" y silbatos, el joven enfermero fue baleado al menos 10 veces en el suelo

En Michigan, mientras la mayoría de líderes republicanos guardaron silencio sobre el tiroteo de Pretti, los demócratas reaccionaron de manera diversa, expresando su indignación con una amplia gama de críticas a las agencias migratorias, que van desde abolir ICE hasta retener fondos para exigir mayor rendición de cuentas.

El presidente del Partido Republicano de Michigan, Jim Runnestad, criticó la declaración de Mike Duggan, candidato independiente a gobernador de Michigan, quien afirmó que el trabajo de ICE deportando inmigrantes indocumentados se ha vuelto ahora irreconocible y que Washington debe poner fin a toda violencia. "Mike Duggan está intentando jugar a dos bandos con su candidatura independiente a gobernador, cuando en realidad está capitulando ante el liderazgo del Partido Demócrata", declaró Runnestad.

Los senadores estadounidenses Elissa Slotkin y Gary Peters afirmaron en una publicación en X que votarán en contra del proyecto de financiamiento del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS), que forma parte del paquete de asignaciones. Ambos demócratas señalaron que el DHS no está protegiendo al pueblo estadounidense.

Este paquete, rechazado en su mayoría por los demócratas, incluye 64.4 mil millones de dólares en gasto para Seguridad Nacional para el año fiscal 2026. Reduciría en 1.3 mil millones el financiamiento de la Oficina de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza (CBP), mientras mantendría estable el presupuesto de ICE en 10 mil millones. La legislación también busca limitar la aplicación de las leyes migratorias al destinar 20 millones de dólares para equipar a los agentes de ICE y CBP con cámaras corporales y exigir su uso. Si el proyecto no alcanza 60 votos en el Senado para el viernes, provocaría un cierre parcial del gobierno.

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"ICE y quienes están bajo su mando no están actuando como agencias responsables de cumplimiento de la ley. Están incitando imprudentemente a la violencia a los caprichos del Presidente", escribió Slotkin. "Y deben ser contenidos antes de que haya más muertes".

Los representantes estadounidenses Shri Thanedar, Rashida Tlaib y el candidato al Senado Abdul El-Sayed pidieron abolir ICE. "Cualquier cosa que no sea abolir ICE es una capitulación cobarde ante el fascismo", afirmó Tlaib en una publicación en X.

El gobernador de Minnesota, Tim Walz, ya había desplegado 1,500 efectivos de la Guardia Nacional de Minnesota para apoyar a la policía local y, a pesar de la amenaza de Trump de declarar un acto de insurrección en el estado demócrata, el presidente republicano hizo una serie de publicaciones el lunes en Truth Social afirmando que él y Walz habían alcanzado un entendimiento parcial. Walz declaró en redes sociales que tuvo una llamada muy productiva con Trump.

Bovino, el rostro público de la ofensiva contra los inmigrantes y quien culpó a Pretti por su asesinato a manos de los agentes bajo su mando, ha sido enviado de regreso a El Centro, California. En su lugar, Trump anunció que Tom Homan, el llamado "zar de la frontera", sería enviado a Minnesota, una medida que, según el presidente, complació enormemente a Walz.

Para Chávez, el periodistabque vio el caos en Minneapolis, todavía hay incertidumbre en el aire. Aquí la verdad es que la gente de St. Paul y Minneapolis está profundamente afectada por la violencia que están perpetrando los agentes federales. "Vi cuatro o cinco cuadras llenas de agentes federales listos para actuar; había cientos de ellos. El número de agentes no es la única gran diferencia en comparación con Chicago. Es la violencia y la rapidez con la que aplicaron esa violencia", concluyó el joven reportero.

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This commemoration recognizes not only our survival, but our contributions, our creativity, and our ongoing commitment to justice and cultural pride.

The February 2 event will feature historical reflections, cultural presentations, musical performances, and community dialogues that honor our past while inspiring future generations. It marks the beginning of an annual national tradition dedicated to uplifting Mexican American identity and ensuring our story is told with accuracy, dignity, and celebration.

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GUEST OPINIONS: ANOTHER LETHAL SHOO

The pattern of ICE Violence and the Lack of Accountability

By Jorge Casarez

Alex Pretti was fatally shot by Federal agents during a protest in Minneapolis.

Another death has occurred as a result of the viciousness of ICE agents empowered by the Trump Administration. If it were not for brave people videotaping what is happening, we would be ignorant of the truth.

The Trump Administration is reporting that Alex Pretti was a gunman threatening the lives of ICE agents and they acted in self-defense. Fortunately, the several videos taken by many people from different perspectives shown quickly on social media tell another story.

A CNN video reviewed these perspectives. One from a car passing by where one can see the ICE agent pushing Alex Pretti toward the curb; Pretti is calm, with camera in right hand and his other hand empty.

The CNN clip also shows how Pretti was attacked by several ICE agents. In that altercation, Pretti was discovered to have a holstered gun and once removed, he is disarmed, he is then fatally shot several times while still on the ground.

There is a separate short video that was taken showing ICE agents walking toward the commotion and immediately after the gunshots one agent is seen clapping his hands, applauding the fatality.

Then we all see that the political spin and gaslighting begins: We hear Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem reframe the event by describing the victim as a man who was not only armed but had the intent to harm ICE officers and that an ICE agent took a defensive stance to save others. And so, we see the pattern where the victim is demonized and the killing is justified. And ICE agents suffer no punishment.

We saw this same pattern with Renee Nicole Good and George Floyd.

In 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) commissioned the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to conduct a review of the Use of Force by CBP officers and agents.

And in that PERF report it specifically stated:

It is suspected that in many vehicle shooting cases, the subject driver was attempting to flee from the agents who intentionally put themselves into the exit path of the vehicle, thereby exposing themselves to additional risk and creating justification for the use of deadly force.

According to the current *Department of Justice Manual on the use of Deadly Force 2022*: Deadly force may not be used solely to prevent the escape of a fleeing suspect. Affirmative duty to intervene is required, which means that an officer is required to prevent another officer from using excessive force and protect civilians. And, that medical aid needs to be given. We clearly do not see this behavior.

After the Renee Nicole Good shooting, Andrew Stanton from Newsweek wrote a list of 10 cases in 2025 where ICE Agents used gunfire and lethal force.

- December 31: Los Angeles, California: Keith Porter, 43, was fatally shot by an off-duty ICE agent, after a verbal altercation; the off-duty ICE agent was in tactical gear.
- December 24: Glen Burnie, Maryland: An ICE agent shot an individual who *allegedly* tried to run them over.
- December 21: St. Paul, Minnesota: An ICE agent fired shots at a Cuban immigrant accused of striking two agents with an SUV.
- November 13: Washington, D.C.: An ICE agent opened fire during a car chase.
- October 30: Ontario, California: An ICE agent shot at a U.S. citizen named Carlos Jimenez. Federal prosecutors said the officer shot in *self-defense* after a "verbal altercation"; that the driver attempted to drive away.
- October 29: Phoenix, Arizona: A man was shot at by an ICE officer during a traffic stop, the driver began to drive away, and an officer fired after *fearing for his life.*
- October 21: Los Angeles, California: An undocumented immigrant was *accused* of trying to evade arrest by using his car to hit a law enforcement vehicle. An ICE agent then fired *"defensive shots"* that hit the man in his elbow.
- October: Chicago, Illinois: An ICE agent shot at a U.S. citizen, Marimar Martinez. She said the agent's vehicle "rammed her car," prosecutors cited *self-defense*.
- September: Franklin Park, Illinois: A fatal shooting by an ICE agent during a traffic stop. A man allegedly drove his car toward officers and tried escaping arrest.
- July 31: Black Forest, Colorado: ICE agents shot at a vehicle after a suspect *allegedly tried to drive their vehicle into officers.* Suspects fled their vehicle and no injuries were reported,

The list is what we know of so far and it doesn't' include deaths within Detention Centers.

Nevertheless, even here the pattern is the same as the PERF report. ICE agents initiate a reckless and hostile confrontation, then report fearing for their life, the agents then fire their guns in self-defense and the victim is the villain. The ICE agent is faultless and so immune.

The difference is that now the patterned stories come directly from the president and vice president stating "the victim is villain" employing the ICE Agent shot in self-defense argument, but this time it occurs *before any investigation and contrary to video evidence that was viewed by the world.* The pattern and deception are obvious.

By repeating the message consistently, the false narrative creates a false reality.

Many analysts in the media report that the behavior of the ICE agents shows poor training or incompetence. Let us consider that training will not compensate for a lack of empathy, ethics, or accountability. We cannot hold a civil servant accountable if they have immunity.

Those prone to impulsiveness and criminality should not be granted any amount of qualified immunity because they will act like masked criminals. Impunity, to act without fear of punishment, only leads to repeat offences. Immunity does not exist within the Constitution. So, neither the president nor police officers should act with impunity or hide behind any sort of immunity.

Editor's Note: Sources and references in this opinion piece are available online at www.elcentralmedia.com.

ICE Out of Minnesota—Cut DHS Enforcement Funding from the Current Spending Bill

LULAC is sounding the alarm: Minneapolis and Minnesota communities are being pushed toward chaos by an intensified federal immigration enforcement presence. Reports of deadly incidents and escalating clashes during operations underscore a simple truth—people are being put in danger, and lives are being lost. THIS IS OUT OF CONTROL, AND IT MUST STOP. No policy objective justifies militarizing neighborhoods, turning community spaces into zones of intimidation, or placing innocent civilians in harm's way.

That urgency is painfully clear in the killing of Alex Pretti. Pretti was a 37-year-old ICU nurse at the Minneapolis VA, described by family and colleagues as a person who cared deeply about others and lived a life rooted in service. He was shot and killed during a federal immigration enforcement operation in south Minneapolis, as bystander video shows Alex holding a phone. Minnesota cannot accept a system where lethal force and secrecy replace restraint, transparency, and basic human dignity.

LULAC demands an immediate stand-down and the withdrawal of ICE-led enforcement operations from Minnesota, along with real accountability—clear identification of agents, consistent use of body-worn cameras, and independent review of any use-of-force incidents. And Congress must act now: cut DHS enforcement funding from the current spending bill and refuse any blank checks that expand or sustain militarized immigration enforcement. Redirect federal dollars toward real community safety—legal support, victim services, and resources that keep families safe. SIGN THIS PETITION, share it widely, and contact your Senators and Representative today: ICE out of Minnesota, stand down now, and cut DHS enforcement funding from this bill. https://lulac.org/act/ice-out-of-minnesota

Sterling Heights Mayor Rebukes Local Police for Calling ICE During Traffic Stop

Reprinted from Strangers No Longer

On Jan. 9, Sterling Heights police conducted a routine traffic stop that resulted in three passengers being turned into Border Patrol custody by a local police officer. On January 13, Mayor Michael C. Taylor of Sterling Heights spoke out against this example of local police collaborating with ICE/CBP.

He emphasized that, per the Constitution, passengers are not legally required to provide identification and should not be misled into thinking otherwise. He urged police leadership to disclose this during their routine policing, but Sterling Heights police leadership declined.

Mayor Taylor said the incident left him "distressed, deeply disturbed, and downright depressed," stating that turning residents over to ICE or Border Patrol is "deliberately putting them in harm's way." He went further saying. he does not want to be in any partnership with federal agencies that do not "share our values" and that he will work to make policy changes happen.

Mayor Michael C. Taylor

Reflection for Leaders: In our Local for Local campaign, our objective is to build relationships with local police authorities to advocate for the public safety of everyone regardless of immigration status. But, this situation in Sterling Heights reminds us that we have to extend our relationship building to other local public officials so that we can identify our allies and begin working together to enact local change.

To learn more contact: Odalis Perales of Strangers No Longer at perales.o@strangersnolonger.org

Action: Even if you are not a resident of Sterling Heights, we invite you to contact Mayor Taylor and express your support of his public statement against ICE's abuse and disregard for human dignity.

Your Michigan Guide to ICE: The Bills, The Votes, The Senate DHS Vote & More

Straight answers on how MI politicians are voting and which bills are expanding ICE power versus putting real guardrails in place

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A Department of Homeland Security funding bill is headed for a U.S. Senate vote this week, and Senate Democrats are openly threatening to block it, meaning a partial government shutdown is on the table when current funding expires January 30.

The fight is not abstract. It is happening because federal immigration enforcement has been escalating in public, in real time, with civilians killed in Minneapolis, including ICU nurse Alex Pretti on January 24 and Renée Good on January 7. Plus at least half a dozen detainee deaths as well, just since Jan 1.

Michigan is not just watching. Michigan is part of the leverage.

The bill, the shutdown threat, and what Democrats are saying out loud

Reporting describes a roughly $64.4 billion DHS funding bill that includes significant ICE funding, and Senate Democrats are signaling they will block it unless it changes. In the House, the procedural step to bring the DHS bill forward passed on January 22.

Distill translation: Republicans want a blank check for federal immigration enforcement. Senate Democrats finally realized they might be holding the only brake pedal. Last week 7 Democrats broke with their caucus in the House and voted in favor of this funding. We thank the Michigan Congressional Dems who all voted NO.

This week the senate will vote.

Michigan's two Senators have committed to voting "no," but Peters is still talking like it is 2012

Both of Michigan's Democratic U.S. Senators, Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin, have said they plan to vote no on the DHS funding bill.

Slotkin's statement ties the vote directly to the violence and the Trump administration's posture toward dissent.

Peters' statement is the classic Washington comfort blanket. "Guardrails." "Reforms." "Accountability."

Here is the problem. You cannot put "guardrails" on an agency behaving like a secret police force. You do not "reform" a machine that is doing exactly what it was designed to do.

So yes, we recognize that Peters and Slotkin are voting no. Good. And thank you.

Where Michigan's 2026 Senate candidates stand on ICE

Because this is Michigan, the DHS vote is also a preview of the 2026 Senate fight. Here is where the major candidates are landing, based on their public statements and recent reporting.

Abdul El Sayed

El Sayed is saying what a lot of people are thinking out loud. ICE is irredeemable, retraining is not the issue, abolish the agency. He has held this belief since 2018.

Mallory McMorrow

McMorrow is framing this as leverage. No more money until there is real oversight and accountability, and she is explicitly pointing to the DHS vote as the place to start squeezing.

Haley Stevens

Stevens is backing a different bill, H.R. 7163, which would redirect what she calls ICE's $75 billion "slush fund" to state and local law enforcement programs. It's the same "more policing fixes everything" playbook, just with the funding moved around. Worth noting that last June Stevens voted Yes on a House Resolution to praise ICE.

Mike Rogers

Mike Rogers doesn't have an original thought here. He just repeats MAGA talking points and bootlicks Trump's agenda instead of standing up for the people he claims to represent. He issued several statements following the killing of Good, saying Democrats, and more specifically his Democratic opponents in the race, were persistently supporting "criminals over cops and America's safety." Mike seems just fine with ICE murdering American citizens.

Michigan Supreme Court fight

The Michigan Supreme Court is considering a rule change (Michigan Court Rule 8.115) that would stop civil arrests in state courthouses unless officers have a judge signed warrant. That matters because most ICE warrants are civil paperwork, not warrants signed by a judge. Being undocumented is a civil issue, not a criminal one.

If the rule does not pass, ICE can keep grabbing people at courthouses even for things like traffic hearings or showing up as a witness. If it does pass, ICE would be blocked from making civil immigration arrests in courthouses during normal court business without a judge approved warrant.

Dana Nessel and other civil rights groups support it, and more than 2,500 people filed public comments backing the change.

Legislation in Lansing

Democrats in the state Senate are pushing bills to limit ICE tactics.

- Senate Bill 508 would block immigration enforcement at "sensitive locations" like schools, churches, hospitals, and courthouses unless there is a court order.
- SB 509 would require a judge signed warrant before state offices hand over personal data for immigration enforcement.
- SB 510 would ban law enforcement from wearing masks during operations.

Republicans are trying to move Michigan the opposite direction.

- House Resolution 128 encourages local police and sheriffs to sign 287(g) agreements with ICE.
- Senate Bill 43 would force local agencies into 287(g) deals.
- House Bills 4338 to 4342 would ban sanctuary policies and punish cities that refuse to cooperate.

One city already backed away. Center Line ended its 287(g) agreement in late 2025 after major community pushback over racial profiling concerns.

The bottom line

We are not saying "no border security." We are saying no to a secret police force with a blank check terrorizing people in the streets with impunity, because ICE is not border control. Border and ports enforcement is primarily CBP's lane, while ICE is built for interior enforcement, detention, and deportation operations.

Abolish ICE.

Michigan Supreme Court Considers Ban on ICE Courthouse Arrests

Prosecutors and advocates say rising ICE courthouse arrests have a chilling effect on testimony and legal participation.

By Isabelle Tavares for Planet Detroit. Reprinted with permission.

Michigan Supreme Court justices heard arguments in support of a proposed court rule that would prohibit civil arrests while a person is "attending a court proceeding or having legal business in the courthouse," unless the arrest is on a valid judicial warrant.

Seven speakers advocated for the rule during a public administrative hearing Wednesday, January 14. The proposed rule encompasses most arrests carried out by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, who typically rely on civil immigration warrants that are administrative, not judicial.

The prohibited arrests would apply to any of Michigan's trial or appellate courthouses, and not to federal courthouses.

The Trump administration's deportation tactics include a rapid increase in courthouse arrests. In Massachusetts, courthouse arrests increased by nearly threefold in Trump's first nine months in office, according to ICE data compiled by the Deportation Data Project.

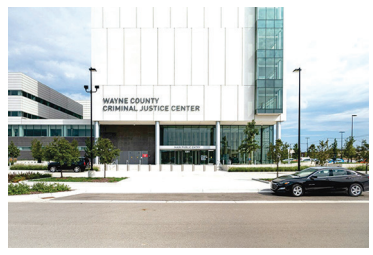
Attorneys and advocates who spoke at the public hearing and with Planet Detroit said the opportunistic arrests discourage individuals – and their support systems – from coming to court for hearings, testimony, and other legal business.

Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney Eli Savit spoke at Wednesday's virtual hearing. Noncitizens who have court appointments unrelated to immigration — for example, victims of abuse — should be protected under the new rule, he said.

The rule would protect not only individuals who appear on a court docket, but the people they bring with them for support as they testify about "probably the most traumatic experience" in their life, he said, related to immigration or otherwise.

Savit said the rule should apply to both mandatory and discretionary court appearances. "Since last year, we have seen a troubling increase in victims who are noncitizens failing to show up to court to testify against their abusers," Savit said.

Noncitizen witnesses are often key witnesses in cases, and their fear of detention at the courthouse can undermine prosecutions, he said.



The Wayne County Criminal Justice Center, where the Third Judicial Circuit's criminal division is located. Photo courtesy of Wayne County.

Another speaker, Lisa Varnier, a former assistant prosecuting attorney in Oakland County, said the term "civil arrest" needs to be defined so that it includes civil immigration warrants.

Her concern is the revised court rule will be interpreted to apply only to the civil arrest described in the state statute, so that immigrants would not be protected from civil immigration arrests in a court building, she said.

"From my work with immigrants, I can tell you that even though they are fully documented and are in this country with the permission of the federal government, they are absolutely terrified of going to any court building for fear that they will be arrested by ICE," Varnier said.

Over 2,500 comments were submitted to the state Supreme Court on the proposed rule change, including from Attorney General Dana Nessel and Democratic state Sens. Mary Cavanagh, Jeremy Moss, and Stephanie Chang.

Diana Marin, vice president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Michigan, said the right to access the legal system, including courthouses, is constitutional and has long applied to citizens and noncitizens.

"Now more than ever, Michigan courthouses must be physical spaces that are free from unnecessary interference or actions that chill an individual's access to the legal system," Marin said.

The full Michigan Supreme Court will consider the matter and comments made during the hearing and the written public comment period. No additional public hearings are planned. A written order will appear on the Michigan court website under Proposed Amendment of MCR 8.115.

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Golden Grizzlies Defeated Titans at Callahan Hall, 95 - 87

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This past Saturday, the Oakland University Golden Grizzlies visited the University of Detroit Mercy Titans, at Callahan Hall in Detroit.

The Golden Grizzlies defeated the Titans, 95 - 87.

Oakland University men's basketball team was able to win a hard fought battle with the University of Detroit Mercy team last Saturday at Callahan Hall in Detroit.The score was 46-45 in favor of the Golden Grizzlies,at halftime of game. Oakland was able to win with balanced scoring (four players in double figures) in this Metro Series and Horizon League game. The return matchup, takes place on February 28, at Oakland (ESPN+)

The Golden Grizzlies host to take on Northern Kentucky on Sunday, February 1st at 3:00 pm at OU Credit Union O'rena (ESPN+).

The Titans host NKU, on Friday, January 30th at 7:00 pm at Calihan Hall (ESPN+)

Photos below from the Golden Grizzlies vs. Titans game

Oakland and Detroit Mercy compete for the tipoff

Oakland head coach Greg Kampe shouts in a play

Detroit Mercy head coach Mark Montgomery addresses his team during a timeout

Legend Geeter (#23) lays the ball in as Isaac Garrett (#32) attempts to block the shot. Geeter had 24 points in the game forthe Titans

Brody Robinson (#55) takes a short jumper near the basket. Robinson and Ziare Wells both had 24 points in the game for the Golden Grizzlies

Tuburu Naivalurua (#12) takes a jump shot. Naivalurua had 16 points in the game for the Golden Grizzlies

Mexico Sweeps January Games

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Javier Aguirre and Mexico came through two low-key friendly games unscathed with back-to-back 1-0 wins over Panama and Bolivia. Against a resilient Panamanian team, the World Cup co-hosts had to wait until stoppage time at the end before defender Richard Peralta scored an own goal. German Berterame scored the winner against Bolivia midway through the second half.

While the results and perhaps even the performances don't cry out "World Cup contender", Aguirre had a chance to work with his domestic based players and add in a couple of new dual nationals. For some time, it was the United States national team that benefited from Mexican-Americans who were good players, but not good enough to play for Mexico. Against Panama, Aguirre started three dual nationals who had little hope of being part of the US national team.

Richard Ledezma, Brian Gutierrez, and Obed Vargas all played for the US at the youth level. None looked to be contenders for the top national team though. All three have played in MLS, coming through academies to play in the domestic top league. Ledezma had an injury-hit stint in the Netherlands for PSV Eindhoven, but eventually could not establish himself as a full-time starter there. He even struggled at New York City FC. He has now joined Chivas.

Gutierrez showed plenty of promise with the Chicago Fire, but could never make inroads at the international level. He was cut from the US Olympic team for the Paris games and that most likely triggered his move south and change of eligibility. He joined Ledezma at Chivas as another dual national, Cade Cowell, left Guadalajara for New York City.

Obed Vargas is slightly different. He's a holding midfielder, born in Alaska, who plays for the Seattle Sounders in MLS and has established himself as a solid starter in the league. His competition in the US national team is Tyler Adams, Tanner Tessman, Aidan Morris, and even club teammate Christian Roldan, among others. Vargas saw this two years ago and made the change to his parents' homeland.

Against Panama, Vargas and Gutierrez came off before the hour mark and Ledezma played the whole game. Only Gutierrez made an appearance in the second game against Bolivia.

Looking ahead to the summer, an equally interesting appearance came from Monterrey striker German Berterame, who scored the winner against Bolivia as a second half substitute. Berterame has been the subject of a transfer bid from Inter Miami. Who wouldn't want to play with Lionel Messi? As far as Mexico is concerned though, the national team needs a successor to Raul Jiminez. He will be 35 years old at the World Cup. While he starts regularly for Fulham in the Premier League and show great commitment, he is still 35 and needs a replacement at the club and international level.

During the two friendly wins, Berterame shared the striker spot with Armando Gonzalez of Chivas. Berterame's goal against Bolivia perhaps gives him a leg up on the back-up striker position, but there will be more opportunities in the next few months. Mexico will play another non-FIFA window game against Iceland in February before bringing in the first choice squad for the March international window games against Portugal and Belgium.

Those March games will also test Mexico's defense a bit more that the mostly defensive sides they have scheduled so far. Mexico dominated against Panama with 72% possession and 10 corner kicks. However, they only forced 3 saves by JD Gunn in the Panamanian goal. The trip to Bolivia produced a more even contest. Carlos Lampe had to make 4 saves against the Bolivians in a match where the statistics looked more balanced. Overall, Aguirre will be feeling positive about the two-match camp. The team had two positive results and he has a better picture of all the candidates in his pool ahead of the World Cup.

Claressa Shields, Holds Media Event at Detroit Auto Show, Before LCA Fight on February 22nd, Live on DAZN

Story and photos by Dan Graschuck. EL CENTRAL

Back in 2016, while making there pro debuts and fighting for the first time, Claressa Shields defeated Franchón Crews-Dezurn.

They will once again return to the ring to face off against each other, after nearly a decade.

Clarresa Sheilds a held a press conference, last Friday, at the Detroit Auto Show, promoting her upcoming fight with Franchon Crews-Dezurn. The fight will take place at the Little Cearser Arena, on Sunday February 22. Both fighters arrived in Auto Show in style with Shields in a Rolls -Royce and Crews-Dezurn in a Maybach.

Photos below are highlights from Shields and Crews-Dezurn at the Detroit Auto Show

Detroit Auto Show press conference

Sheilds and Crews-Dezurn promoting their upcoming flight

Shields (Left) and Crews -Dezurn (right), face off

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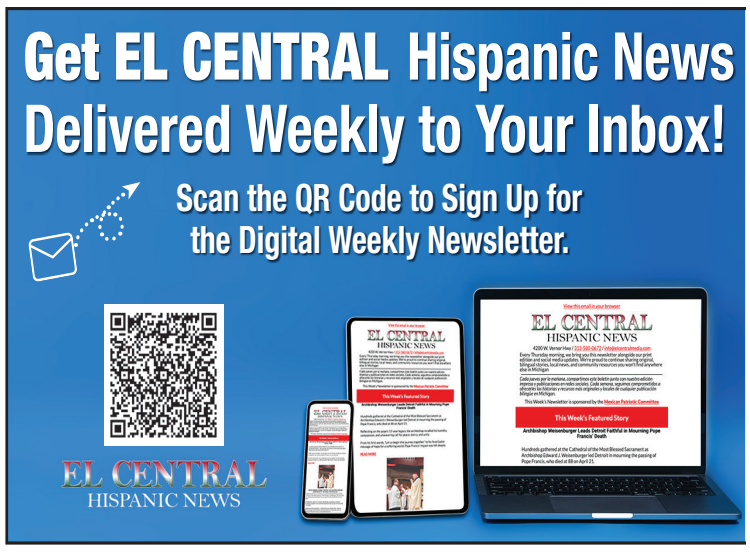
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EDITORIAL OPINION

Guest Opinion:

Mourning in America
What you can do to organize

By Robert Reich

This week we mourn the death-by-execution of Alex Pretti and Renee Good. I use the term execution intentionally because they were murdered intentionally by Trump's goons. (I've seen the videos; I'm sure you have as well.)

At times like this, Gandhi used to say, "The truth is revealing itself."

To show our grief and solidarity, you might want to wear a black armband this week and light a candle in your window this evening and for the remainder of the week.

But there is much more to do than mourn. As the labor leader Joe Hill asked in 1915 just before he was executed: "Don't mourn … Organize." The best way to honor the memories of Alex Pretti and Renee Good is to take action against the forces that executed both of them.

Obviously, your energies are needed in organizing your congressional district and your state for the midterm elections and getting out the vote. (I'll be back in coming months with detailed suggestions for how.)

But the midterms are nine and a half months away. In the meantime, Trump and his thugs can do a great deal of damage if not stopped. What can you do now?

A few action items occur to me:

1. Tell your U.S. senators to vote NO on the Department of Homeland Security spending bill they'll be considering this week — unless ICE is disarmed and prohibited from using racial or ethnic profiling and its agents are explicitly liable to criminal prosecution and civil lawsuits. At the very least, DHS's funding should be slashed. If DHS is shut down after January 30 because no spending bill has been enacted, so be it. (The congressional switchboard is: (202) 224-3121.)

2. If you're represented by Republicans, call them and demand they rein in ICE. They need to hear from you. Some Republicans are beginning to come around. (Remember: They now have a margin of only 3 votes in the House.)

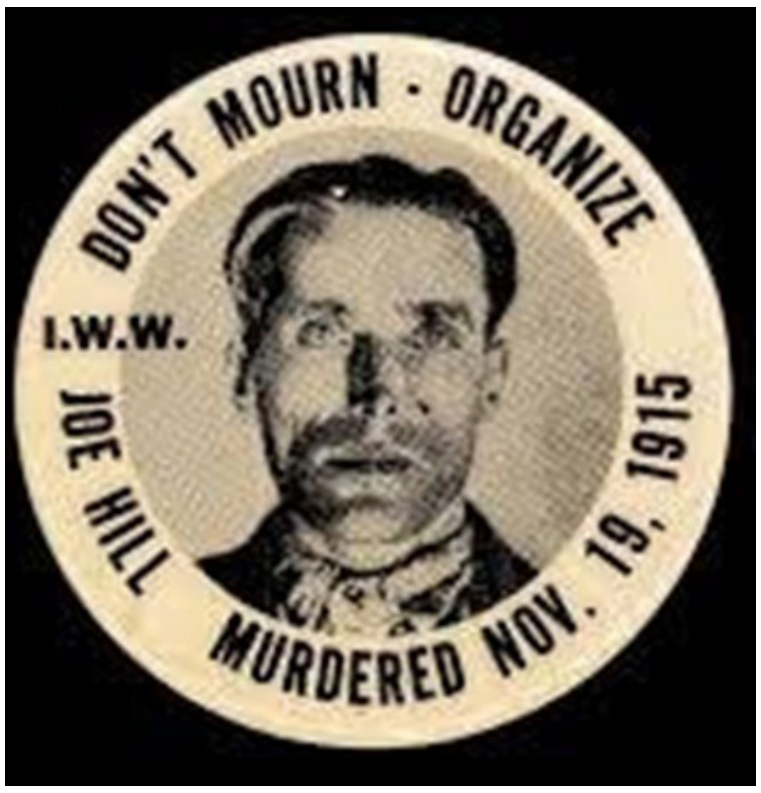
3. Urge your state attorneys general to join with other state AGs and to investigate ICE, the Border Patrol, and their leadership (Noem, Miller, Trump), with a view toward possible criminal prosecution. Trump cannot pardon them or protect them from state-level prosecutions. (You can locate the office of your state attorney general through the National Association of Attorneys General website at www.naag.org or the USAGov directory at www.usa.gov/state-attorney-general. Most offices have official websites with online complaint forms, phone numbers, and mailing addresses for submitting consumer inquiries, complaints, or reports.)

4.. If ICE is coming to your city or is already there, call on your mayor and your state police to protect those protesting ICE.

5. Circulate a pledge in your community to oppose ICE if and when it arrives there. Aim for signatures from 10 percent of the adults residing there.

6. If you are a member of your local Indivisible group (or if you're not a member, join one; or if there's none in your community, start one), suggest a general strike. What might this entail? I can imagine three elements: (1) no one goes to work (call in sick), (2) no one buys anything (stock up beforehand), and (3) no one uses social media (except Substack). In coordination with other Indivisible groups and other resistance groups across America, decide what date and for how long. (Then let me know!)

7. Isolate the United States economically, even more than Trump is doing. If you live in an EU country, urge your government to activate the Anti-Coercion Instrument. The Trump regime represents a clear and present danger to the world, including the sovereignty of European nations. The Anti-Coercion Instrument in the EU would allow the sanctioning of Trump regime officials, freezing of assets of corporations benefiting from the theft of Venezuelan oil, and expulsion of U.S. forces from European bases.



8. Allow the U.S. dollar to fall. Under the Trump regime — which is actively trying to take over the Fed, America's central bank, and is dissolving ties with the rest of the free world — the dollar is becoming a highly risky currency. It's already falling. Allow it to fall further. If you work in a large global corporation, urge your top executives to do the firm's international transactions in currencies other than dollars. If you are in a large financial institution, urge traders to dump dollars.

Clearly, this is an incomplete list of the peaceful "good trouble" we could make. If other actions occur to you, please share them with the rest of us in the comments.

Friends, have courage. Be strong. Hug your loved ones. Remember Alex Pretti and Renee Good. Please do not succumb to fear or despair. We will be victorious.

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OPINIÓN EDITORIAL

Opinión de un invitado:

Luto en Estados Unidos
Qué puedes hacer para organizarte

Por Robert Reich

Esta semana lamentamos la muerte por ejecución de Alex Pretti y Renee Good. Utilizo el término ejecución intencionadamente porque fueron asesinados deliberadamente por los matones de Trump. (He visto los vídeos; estoy seguro de que ustedes también).

En momentos como este, Gandhi solía decir: "La verdad se está revelando".

Para mostrar nuestro dolor y solidaridad, les sugiero que lleven un brazalete negro esta semana y enciendan una vela en su ventana esta noche y durante el resto de la semana.

Pero hay mucho más que hacer que lamentarse. Como preguntó el líder sindical Joe Hill en 1915, justo antes de ser ejecutado: "No se lamenten... Organicen". La mejor manera de honrar la memoria de Alex Pretti y Renee Good es actuar contra las fuerzas que los ejecutaron.

Obviamente, se necesita su energía para organizar su distrito congresional y su estado para las elecciones de mitad de mandato y para movilizar el voto. (Volveré en los próximos meses con sugerencias detalladas sobre cómo hacerlo).

Pero faltan nueve meses y medio para las elecciones de mitad de mandato. Mientras tanto, Trump y sus matones pueden causar mucho daño si no se les detiene. ¿Qué pueden hacer ahora?

Se me ocurren algunas acciones:

1. Díganles a sus senadores estadounidenses que voten NO al proyecto de ley de gastos del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional que considerarán esta semana, a menos que el ICE sea desarmado y se le prohíba el uso de perfiles raciales o étnicos, y que sus agentes sean explícitamente responsables de enjuiciamiento penal y demandas civiles. Como mínimo, se debería recortar drásticamente la financiación del DHS. Si el DHS cierra después del 30 de enero porque no se ha aprobado ningún proyecto de ley de gastos, que así sea. (El número de teléfono del Congreso es: (202) 224-3121).

2. Si están representados por republicanos, llámenlos y exijan que controlen al ICE. Necesitan escucharles. Algunos republicanos están empezando a cambiar de opinión. (Recuerden: ahora tienen una mayoría de solo 3 votos en la Cámara de Representantes).

3. Insten a sus fiscales generales estatales a unirse a otros fiscales generales estatales e investigar al ICE, la Patrulla Fronteriza y sus líderes (Noem, Miller, Trump), con miras a un posible enjuiciamiento penal. Trump no puede indultarlos ni protegerlos de los enjuiciamientos a nivel estatal. (Puede encontrar la oficina del fiscal general de su estado a través del sitio web de la Asociación Nacional de Fiscales Generales en www.naag.org o en el directorio de USAGov en www.usa.gov/state-attorney-general. La mayoría de las oficinas tienen sitios web oficiales con formularios de quejas en línea, números de teléfono y direcciones postales para enviar consultas, quejas o informes de los consumidores).

4. Si ICE está llegando a su ciudad o ya está allí, pida a su alcalde y a la policía estatal que protejan a quienes protestan contra ICE.

5. Haga circular un compromiso en su comunidad para oponerse a ICE si llega allí. Intente obtener firmas del 10 por ciento de los adultos residentes.

6. Si es miembro de su grupo local de Indivisible (o si no es miembro, únase a uno; o si no hay ninguno en su comunidad, cree uno), sugiera una huelga general. ¿Qué podría implicar esto? Imagino tres elementos: (1) nadie va a trabajar (llame para reportarse enfermo), (2) nadie compra nada (abastézcase con anticipación) y (3) nadie usa las redes sociales (excepto Substack). En coordinación con otros grupos de Indivisible y otros grupos de resistencia en todo Estados Unidos, decidan la fecha y la duración. (¡Luego avísenme!)

7. Aísle económicamente a Estados Unidos, incluso más de lo que lo está haciendo Trump. Si vive en un país de la UE, inste a su gobierno a activar el Instrumento Anticoerción. El régimen de Trump representa un peligro claro e inminente para el mundo, incluida la soberanía de las naciones europeas. El Instrumento Anticoerción en la UE permitiría sancionar a los funcionarios del régimen de Trump, congelar los activos de las corporaciones que se benefician del robo de petróleo venezolano y expulsar a las fuerzas estadounidenses de las bases europeas.

8. Permita que el dólar estadounidense caiga. Bajo el régimen de Trump, que está intentando activamente tomar el control de la Reserva Federal, el banco central de Estados Unidos, y está disolviendo los lazos con el resto del mundo libre, el dólar se está convirtiendo en una moneda de alto riesgo. Ya está cayendo. Permita que caiga aún más. Si trabaja en una gran corporación global, inste a sus altos ejecutivos a realizar las transacciones internacionales de la empresa en monedas distintas al dólar. Si trabaja en una gran institución financiera, inste a los operadores a deshacerse de los dólares. Claramente, esta es una lista incompleta de las acciones pacíficas y constructivas que podríamos llevar a cabo. Si se les ocurren otras ideas, por favor, compártanlas con los demás en los comentarios.

Amigos, tengan valor. Sean fuertes. Abracen a sus seres queridos. Recuerden a Alex Pretti y Renee Good. Por favor, no se dejen vencer por el miedo ni la desesperación. Saldremos victoriosos.

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Candlemas Day

Candlemas Day - February 2nd

Each year begins with the celebrations following Christmas, starting with Three Kings' Day, when a small figurine is found inside the Rosca de Reyes (Three Kings' Bread). According to Mexican tradition, this symbolizes when Jesus was hidden from Herod. Nowadays, the tradition is celebrated by bringing gifts; in this case, tamales for the Virgin of Candelaria, which marks forty days after the birth of Jesus. On Candlemas, the day commemorates when Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple to present him. There they met Simeon, to whom the Holy Spirit had revealed that he would see the Messiah before his death, the one who would bring light and salvation to all peoples. Upon seeing Mary and Joseph arrive with the child in their arms, Simeon took him in and was able to rest in peace.

As we mentioned at the beginning, in Mexico the tradition of Candlemas is strongly linked to Three Kings' Day, as it indicates that on this day those who found the baby Jesus figurine in the Rosca de Reyes (Three Kings' Bread) go to church to present it so that both the baby Jesus and the godparents receive the priest's blessing. After the religious ceremony, the godparents, that is, those who found the baby Jesus figurine in the Rosca de Reyes on January 6th, hold a gathering where they offer tamales. To present the baby Jesus, in some communities in Mexico the celebration is a procession with music and fireworks. It is important to understand that for Mexico the central part of the celebration is the baby Jesus; therefore, this is when the Christmas festivities conclude, and the following day the Nativity scene and Christmas decorations are taken down from the houses.

In Peru, the celebration of February 2nd centers in the city of Puno, in the Titicaca River region. The festivities begin in January with thousands of dancers performing cultural and, above all, religious activities that frame the celebration. The festival lasts 21 days, with February 2nd being the main day of veneration. Among these activities are: the novena, which runs from January 24th to February 1st, during which nine liturgical ceremonies are held, culminating on February 1st, the eve of the festival, with the entrance of the candles and the arrival of the "K'apos," the firewood that will be used to light the bonfire for the main celebration.

February 2nd is the principal day, being Candlemas. On this day, the Procession of the Virgin of Candelaria takes place, accompanied by various dancers wearing their respective masks. February 3rd, while not the main day of the festival, is also filled with color, music, and dance. A competition is held to honor the Virgin of Candelaria. This is a lively celebration brimming with music, dance, and culture. The competition's participants are adorned in native attire and eccentric masks. The same day, February 3rd, marks the beginning of the octave, which concludes with a Mass, the Grand Parade, a costume contest, and the Cacharpari, or farewell to the Virgin of Candelaria.

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Día de la Candelaria

Día de la Candelaria - 2 de febrero

Cada año comienza con las celebraciones que dejó la navidad, empezando el día de Reyes en que se encuentra una figurita dentro de las roscas de reyes, acorde a la celebración mexicana, que simboliza cuando se escondió a Jesús para que Herodes no lo encontrara, así, en la actualidad la tradición llegó a festejarse a través de traer regalos, en este caso, los tamales para la Virgen de la Candelaria, que es cuando se cumplen los cuarenta días posteriores al nacimiento del niño Jesús.

En este día de la Candelaria se conmemora cuando María y José llevaron al niño Jesús a presentarlo al templo, donde se encontraron con Simeón, a quien el Espíritu Santo le había revelado que vería antes de su muerte al Mesías, quien traería la luz y salvación de todos los pueblos. Simeón al ver llegar a María y José con el niño en brazos, Simeón lo cargó y después de eso pudo descansar en paz.

Como mencionamos al principio, en México la tradición de la candelaria está fuertemente ligada al día de reyes, pues indica que este día quienes sacaron al niño en la rosca de reyes, van a la iglesia a presentarlo para que tanto el niño Jesús, como los padrinos y madrinas reciban la bendición del sacerdote. Después de la ceremonia religiosa, los padrinos y madrinas, es decir, quienes sacaron al niño en la rosa de reyes el 6 de enero, hacen una reunión en la que ofrecerán tamales. Para llevar a presentar al niño, en algunas comunidades de México la fiesta se hace en procesión con música y pirotecnia. Es importante entender que para México la parte central de la celebración es el niño Jesús, por ello es cuando se dan por concluidas las fiestas navideñas, siendo así al día siguiente se levanta el nacimiento y los adornos navideños de las casas.

En Perú, el día 2 de febrero tiene su centro de celebración en la ciudad de Puno, en la región del río Titicaca, dando inicio su celebración desde el mes de enero con la presentación de miles de danzantes con actividades culturales y, sobre todo, religiosas que enmarcan la festividad. La festividad dura 21 días, siendo el día central de veneración es el 2 de febrero. Entre estas actividades podemos encontrar: La novena, que va de 24 de enero al 1 de febrero, es cuando se llevan a cabo las nueve ceremonias litúrgicas y que concluyen el 1 de febrero, día de la víspera, con la entrada de los cirios y la llegada de los «K'apos», la leña que ese mismo día servirá para encender el fuego de la festividad.

El día 2 de febrero, que es día principal al ser el día de la candelaria. En este día se lleva a cabo la Procesión de la Virgen de la Candelaria acompañada de los diferentes danzantes, con sus respectivas máscaras. El 3 de febrero, no siendo éste el día principal de la fiesta, está también lleno de color, música y danza se lleva a cabo una competencia para honrar a la Virgen de la Candelaria. Esta es una celebración divertida llena de música, danza y cultura. Los concursantes de la competencia están decorados con atuendos nativos y máscaras excéntricas. El mismo 3 de febrero se inicia con la octava, que concluye con una misa, la Gran Parada, un concurso de trajes de luces y el Cacharpari o despedida de la Virgen de la Candelaria.

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